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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12, 13 and 30-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12, 13 and 30-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/17/07 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, and 30-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because machine-execution being considered as transmission media (see specification page 0058), see MPEP 2106.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1-9, 12, 13, and 30-35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jay Budzik ('Budzik' hereinafter), "User Interactions with Everyday Applications as Context for Just-in-time Information Access".

With respect to claim 1,

Budzik teaches an adaptive method for obtaining representative text items from a plurality of text items in an active task being accessed by a user on a data processing each of the plurality of text items having a plurality of attributes (Fig. 1MA), the method comprising the machine-executed steps of:

receiving information related to the plurality of text items in the active task being accessed by the user (para. 4.1, Budzik);

for each of the plurality of text items in the active task being accessed by the user, identifying each of the plurality of attributes based on the received information related to the plurality of text items (paras. 4.4, 7, Budzik);

for each of the plurality of text items in the active task being accessed by the user, assigning a weight to each of the plurality of attributes, wherein at least two of the plurality of attributes are assigned different weights (para. 4.2, Budzik);

for each of the plurality of text items in the active task being accessed by the user, calculating an accumulated weight by accumulating the weight assigned to each of the plurality of attributes (para. 4.1, Budzik);

ranking the plurality of text items in the active task being accessed by the user based on the accumulated weight of each of the plurality of text items (para. 4.1, Budzik); and

generating the representative text items based on a result of the ranking step (para. 3, Budzik);

wherein the active task is a task other than entering search terms for the purpose of retrieving information (para. 2, Budzik).

Claims 6-9, 12, and 13 have the same subject matter as of claims 1-5 except processor for processing data machine readable storage medium and Budzik teaches at Fig. 1MA et seq. and essentially rejected for the same reasons as discussed above.

As to claim 2,

Budzik teaches wherein the plurality of attributes includes at least one of style, font size, and location of the text item (para. 4.1, Budzik).

As to claim 3,

Budzik teaches wherein a weight assigned to a word is increased in response to the word being located in a specific region (para. 1 Budzik).

As to claim 4,

Budzik teaches wherein the specific region is an active window being viewed by a user or a region selected by the user (para. 3, Budzik).

As to claim 5,

Budzik teaches forming a plurality of search terms based on a result of the ranking step (para. 4.1, Budzik).

As to claim 30,

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Budzik teaches including the step of determining properties of the active task; wherein the assigned weight is tunable based on the properties of the active task (para. 4.4, Budzik).

As to claims 31, 33, and 35

Budzik teaches wherein the properties of the active task include at least one of application software being employed to perform the active task, the type or genre of the active task, attributes related to the user manipulating the active task, properties of an information source on which a search will be conducted, and the state of the active task (paras. 2.2, 4.1, 4.4, 3, Budzik).

As to claim 32,

Budzik teaches wherein: the instructions, when executed by the data processor, further control the data processing system to determine properties of the active task; and the assigned weight is tunable based on the properties of the active task (para. 4.1, Budzik).

As to claim 34,

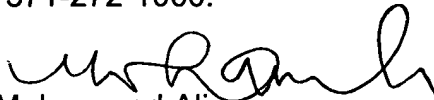
Budzik teaches wherein: the instructions upon execution by a data processing system cause the data processing system to determine properties of the active task; and the assigned weight is tunable based on the properties of the active task (para. 5, Budzik).

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:30 am-6:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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